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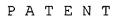
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This Response is responsive to the Office Action mailed on November 21, 2003.

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-28 are pending in the application. The Examiner has indicated that claims 21-23 contain allowable subject matter.

Claims 1-6, 10-14, 16, 18-24 and 26-28 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Son (US 6,229,895), in view of Fruehauf (US 6,590981).

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Son in view of Fruehauf and Okamato (US 5,944,794).